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Pastor's Notes

by Pastor Dan Hansen



"Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love..." Joel 2:13

1) On our Ash Wednesday worship...

Come join us for a wonderful night! From the super soup supper served by our Stewardship Ministry, to the Holden Prayer Service, to the Lenten dramas which we always enjoy....we will be blessed! Our Lenten dramas this year will focus on "The Seven Last Words of Christ." Pastor Bruce & Nanette & Kris & Diane have done an outstanding job of planning an inspirational Lenten season with an FCLC written devotional book, weekly preaching topics, discussion questions for our Wed. Night Soup Suppers, and Lenten dramas for our Wed. worship services. Once again each of our ministries will be taking a turn setting up and cleaning up for the soup suppers. So far, it's worked out great! We hope you'll observe Lent

with us this year and join us for a very special season of fellowship and worship as we "draw near to God" during these 40 days of fasting and prayer.

2) On the 2nd Anniversary of our Saturday Service...

This wonderful worship service has become such a familiar part of our congregational life, it's hard to believe it's only two years old! But clearly, you have "voted with your feet" for this welcome worship opportunity. Primarily we're targeting folks that may have occasional Sunday morning conflicts that would prevent them from attending worship and Sunday school; but we certainly have a growing core of Saturday Night "regulars!" While the service is only about 45 minutes, nevertheless, it's largely the same service as you'll find on Sunday mornings, so please keep it in mind with your busy weekend schedules.



3) **On our February FCLC Orientation...**

What a large group of new members were received into our membership once again! A special thanks to Nanette for organizing the orientation and our Fellowship Ministry for setting up the soup on Super Bowl Sunday. We've really been blessed with a lot of growth this year!

4) **On our stewardship this year...**

The "good news" is that we had a great year last year, and the "good news" is that our offerings are up from last year. Nevertheless, general giving is off to a bit of a slow start with reference to our 2006 budget. Can you help? God bless you for sharing generously of your time & talents & treasure for the work of the kingdom of God!

5) **On new building addition...**

Thanks for joining us this past Sunday (2/12) for our "Opening Ceremonies" as we dedicated our new north wing at the end of both of our worship services. Just before Holy Communion, we led the congregation in a processional through the new addition ending in the lower level where we received communion, dedicated the new space, and sang our closing song. Tours were available and the Sunday School children proclaimed their multi-cultural missions theme, "Tell the World!" as we sampled food from around the world that was made by the 6th grade confirmation class.

Once again, we offer thanks and praise for all of the efforts of our Building Committee members, who worked to make our new Education Wing a reality: **Bob Danos, Bob Thoman, Bob Kaiser, Dave Koehler, Jeff Bonds, Mike Cousins, Audrey Audley, Roger Olsen, Carl Schaal and Nanette Goings.** Also, a HUGE "Thank You" to **Carl Schaal, Bob Thoman, and Allen Clauson**, who were the major workforce for this project. Well done, good and faithful servants!

6) **On our new "Grief Support" Group...** Pastor Bruce began another Grief Support Group this month and they will be meeting on Monday evenings for a total of six sessions, from 7 until 8 pm. This is a welcome opportunity for support and healing. Please contact Pastor Bruce if you'd like to learn more or to join in.7) **On summer camp opportunities...** We're thrilled once again to have over 30 of our Sr. High youth signup to go on a workcamp mission trip this summer. What a wonderful witness to families in need, that young people in our country care enough to reach out, that they would sacrifice their time and their talents, when clearly they could be simply making money or spending money going to sports camps, etc. Sometimes our actions are the "loudest sermon" our neighbors will hear!

We are excited also to see over a dozen of our middle school youth already signed up for Sky Ranch Camp this summer. Last summer about 20 of us had a wonderful week of fun & fellowship & faith-building in the beautiful Rocky Mountains west of Ft Collins. This is always one of my favorite weeks of the summer and I'm hoping that this summer we can perhaps double our numbers! Through the years, I've often heard kids say that they grew closer to God at camp than any other time in their lives. How do you hang a "price-tag" on that!??? Give it some thought and prayer if you have a middle schooler in your family.

*Your partner in ministry,
Pastor Dan*

**FCLC FINANCES**

As of 2/28/06:

General Offering YTD	\$ 97,017
Budget YTD	\$ 109,196
Expenses YTD	\$ (99,720)
New Building Giving YTD	\$ 42,827



Youth and Household Ministry News!!!

The New Youth Room is a SAFE and SACRED SPACE. We are blessed to have it! Thank you for making it happen for us! Here is the covenant that our Sr. High-ers came up with concerning this space:

*Remembering that we are young children of God, growing in our lives and faith...
We shall keep this room fun but remember that it is Holy Ground
We shall respect the person who comes to this place and all that they bring with them
We shall remember that we aren't called to serve ourselves but to serve Jesus
We shall be an accepting, loving and close knit community
We shall remember that we are called to reach others in need, both in and out of this group
We shall always remember that Jesus is in our midst.*

A team of Sr. Highers are working toward creating this youth room to be a comfortable, hospitable, relevant, and welcoming place for FCLC youth and those in their households to hang out. Over the next few weeks, they will be working on furnishing the room and adding personality to an already awesome structure. Stay tuned to news on FCLCnews email list for ways that you can be a part of what is going on. Don't forget to stop down and hang a while!



Middle School

7th and 8th graders!!! Don't forget that you are to be meeting with your confirmation small groups over the Soup Suppers from 6-7:00 PM and then worshipping together throughout Lent!

March 1 and 15 – Diving Deep – 7:30-8:30 PM
March 8 - Youth and Household Ministry Discussion Group* – 7:30 PM
March 5 and 26 – National Gathering Meeting – 12:30 PM at FCLC
March 11-12 – 30 Hour Famine - 6 AM till 12 NOON the next day
March 12 – Youth Group – 6-7:30 PM Topic: The Crusades
March 26 – Youth Group – 6-7:30 PM Topic: Service Project
March 26 – Workcamp Meeting – 12:30-1:30 PM



Sr. High



Grown-Ups

March 5 – Mentor Meeting – 9:30-10:30 AM
March 7 – Executive Youth Advisory Committee – 7:15-9 PM (at Kris' house following council devotions at FCLC)
March 8 – Youth and Household Ministry Discussion Group* – 7:30 PM

***This group is for folks who want to take part in an intentional discussion about how FCLC is faithfully living out the call to ministry to, with and for people in the first third of life. We will connect Youth and Household Ministry theory with our practices in this congregation. Both “grown ups” and “youth” are invited!**

“What’s on tap?”

Thoughts poured from the spout of Kristen Baltrum, Deaconess

So there I was, sitting in a pew at St. Mary’s Basilica in Phoenix, Arizona. I was in Phoenix for the ELCA’s Youth Ministry Extravaganza, and had some time before catching my flight home. A few friends and I grabbed some lunch and headed out for a walk around town. We decided to step inside the Basilica and simply check it out. We walked in, turned off our cell phones as the signs requested, and moved into the sanctuary. I was immediately humbled and inspired by the amazing stained glass windows, candles and bright colors all around me. The colors were in such amazing contrast to the solid brown of the wooden pews. I took a seat on one of those hard brown pews and immediately another stark contrast hit me. I looked around at the plethora of images of the saints. They were everywhere. Saints, who we hold up to be as “good” and “righteous” and sometimes “perfect,” were all over the walls, windows, and ledges of the space. But something else was on those windows, walls and ledges. The image of Christ on the cross was there too. Here, amidst so many perfect people, Christ was dying to forgive them of their sin. The contrast overwhelmed me. It overwhelmed me because the same Christ who died for these saints also came to die for me. That was my Jesus, too, on that cross. I am nowhere near a saint. There will never be a stained glass window with my image on it in any church. Yet, Christ found me worthy to die for as well.

This contrast of Saint and Sinner was not the only contrast of the moment. After all, I had just spent four and a half days at a Lutheran conference, amidst hundreds of my peers, doing everything that we church people like to do. We worshipped, prayed, studied and fellowshiped. It was all great. Yet the message of how far Christ was willing to go for me showed up in my heart while I sat alone on pew in a Catholic church. I had not expected to encounter Grace while simply being a tourist, yet there it was.

Christ is indeed in the contrast of our lives. I pray that this Lenten season, and throughout all of our days, we can be aware of the Grace that often shows up in unexpected places.

Building Services Coffee Hour

Are you a fix-it kind of guy? Beginning February 27th, join Bob Thoman every Monday at 9:30 am for coffee in the Sunset Room. We might attend to a repair or two, plan some maintenance or landscape project, or just enjoy an hour of coffee and conversation.

Questions? Call Bob Thoman at 303.772.0039.



FELLOWSHIP CORNER

Kaydene Hubert 303-651-9479
Shannon Holstine 303-682-1182

Wow, it's March already and Fellowship is in full swing. If you are ever interested in joining the Fellowship Committee, we'd love to have you! We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Just show up or give one of us a call and we'll let you know what it's all about and add you to our Fellowship email list.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Make sure you join us on Wednesday Nights starting March 1st before the 7pm Holden Lenten Services for Fellowship's Annual Lenten Soup Suppers. We start serving at 5:30pm and end promptly at 6:45pm. There is always something for everyone to eat. The cost for this great meal is \$1 (ages 3-13) & \$4 (ages 14 & up) payable at the door, or pre-pay for all six weeks tickets and skip the line.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND GET YOUR TICKETS!!

FCLC Fellowship will be hosting a **ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION** on Friday, March 17th from 8-11pm at "The Lounge" at Centennial Lanes. You don't want to miss this great opportunity to hang out with your FCLC friends new & old (sorry, adults only). There will be a DJ, a spacious dance floor, plenty of tables for great conversation, delicious appetizers and a cash bar. Don't forget to tell your friends outside of FCLC about it, too!! Tickets are \$8 per person and will be on sale between services in the narthex and Wed. Nights during Soup Suppers.



LADIES TEA – Is anyone interested in helping to organize our Ladies Tea that we've tentatively scheduled for May?? We are looking for someone who would love to take this under their wing & help put it together. We have the date & room reserved already. Please let us know if you are interested!!



Thank you to Kirsten Simpson, who has been so faithful in caring for the poinsettias since the Christmas Season. When did you last see poinsettias this time of year? She also made sure that the chancel area was vacuumed and tidy; she removed leaves and blooms as necessary.

AND... Thank you to Audrey Audley for watering the green plants in the building.

And one more ... Thank you to Lloyd Heller for caring for the ferns at the front entrance to the church.

We wish to thank all of you for all the prayers & cards & notes & gifts and food while Cindy has been going through chemotherapy the past 4 months. Your support has been overwhelming, and we realize - at this point - we're never going to be able to thank all of you personally. Please know that we are deeply touched & grateful.

Love,



Pastor Dan & Cindy Hansen



A BIG "thank you" to Cliff & Trisha Stewart and family for their very generous donation of a grand piano for our new choir room (Sunrise Room). This is a beautiful instrument; we anticipate years of making music to the glory of God. How remarkable! A year ago we were working to raise funds for our first grand piano, and now we have two. Thanks be to God!

"Shall We Dance?" David Did!

Faith Community is searching for liturgical dancers - ages 11 and up. Our liturgical dance will be performed on Easter Sunday at all three worship services (7:00 - 9:00 - 11:00 am). The cost of a costume is \$25. The dance routine is simple and can be done by all ages.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Dawn Hajdas via email at dawn@faithcommunitylutheran.org

Nursery News

Happy March everyone! I am certainly ready for some spring weather. I'm sure you are too! It will be so nice to be able to spend more time outside. I look forward to seeing the changes in landscape... leaves popping out, and flowers blooming... it's coming soon! Speaking of changes... you may have noticed that we began redecorating the nursery this month. Heather Gomez, Amy Miller, and I began the great painting journey earlier in the month. Thank you, Amy and Heather, so, so very much for your help. Amy has phenomenal talent as a muralist, and Heather, you outworked Amy and I both that day! We finished up Tuesday night, February 28th! The next step will be working to get some new cabinetry and counter space... keep your eyes open for changes! I am looking for an experienced seamstress to sew some new pillow covers, window coverings, and perhaps seat covers for our rockers. Any talented seamstress out there looking for some busy work? Call me or email me if you are! We'd love the help.



I also wanted to extend thank you's to the person or persons (I sure wish I knew who you were!) that have donated disposable sippy cups and endless animal crackers for the kids. I'd love it if you'd let me know who you are so I can recognize you personally. Thank you to Laura Smith for the DVD donations. We need those desperately!

I'm working on the schedule for March and April, so please call me if you can volunteer your time in the nursery. March is especially needy with the extra worship services during Lent. Have a great month, everyone.

GOD BLESS!
Mandy Wormke
Nursery Coordinator

Pastoral Care

The Stephen Ministers would like to thank Leslie Raymond and Colt Reproduction in Boulder for helping us get new bookmarks for the sanctuary Bibles. Leslie designed and made the bookmarks; Colt donated the paper and the use of their equipment. New bookmarks were desperately needed for the Bibles. Thanks to all who helped with this project.

FCLC Christian Education

New Sunday Morning Bible Study Opportunity at FCLC

John Benson will be leading an Adult Education study beginning March 5, on Paul's Letter to the **Ephesians**. The study will be based on a discussion format following the lectionary for the week. The first session will be held on Sunday, March 5, 9:30 am, in room 232, with an overview of the study and discussion of the background to Paul's wonderful Epistle. Come and see what it's all about!

Confirmation Planning Meeting:

Sunday, March 19, 12:15 pm, Room 126

All 8th graders AND their parents should plan on attending this one-time planning meeting for Confirmation Weekend (May 6-7). Now's the time to give input and get your questions answered regarding the format of faith statements, confirmation questioning and worship service details. Confirmation robe measurements will also take place at this time.

6th Grade Confirmation Students are great cooks!

Thank you, Shauna Bladt, Lindsey Droege, Scott Smallwood, Zach Vece, Ben WooChing, and their parents for preparing all of the food for the Dedication of the new Education Wing. Ethnic foods related to the Christian Education theme of February, "Tell the World" were offered. And in case you really want another meatball or a cookie, here are the recipes. . .

Middle Eastern Meatballs in Lemon Broth

(The Middle East is a place where food is very important. Most dishes have lemon, olive oil and lots of spices. In the Middle East, the main meal is eaten in the middle of the day with leftovers being eaten for the evening meal. If there are no leftovers from the middle of the day meal, the evening meal is cheese, olives, raw vegetables, and yogurt eaten with bread. Most foods are served with hot peppers and meals are usually eaten without using utensils. Bread is used as the eating tool.)

2 lbs. very lean ground beef, turkey or pork
2 cups uncooked rice
2 eggs

2 T dried parsley
1 tsp. Salt
flour to roll meatballs
Chicken broth
2 T lemon juice

Mix the meat, rice, eggs, salt and parsley together. Form in small balls. Roll these in flour. Meanwhile, bring the chicken broth and lemon juice to a boil. Gently place the meatballs into the broth and simmer for about 15-20 minutes until rice is tender. Add water as necessary. Serve warm.

Arabic Cookies

1 cup powdered sugar
1 cup flour
¼ tsp. Baking powder
1 cup margarine (or butter)
1 cup cornstarch

Mix sugar and butter until smooth. Add dry ingredients a little at a time. Roll and shape into small balls. Bake on greased cookie sheet 350 degrees for 12-14 minutes.



Check your church mailboxes for your 2006 Lenten Devotional. Daily devotions written by Faith Community Lutheran members began on Ash Wednesday, March 1. This year's Lenten theme: "Cross Words: Seven Sayings of Jesus for Us."

A BIG THANK YOU to Marv Heimbichner for the beautiful handcrafted crosses that will be given to each family during Lent. Attend Lenten services each week and receive the Cross Word of the week to affix to your cross.

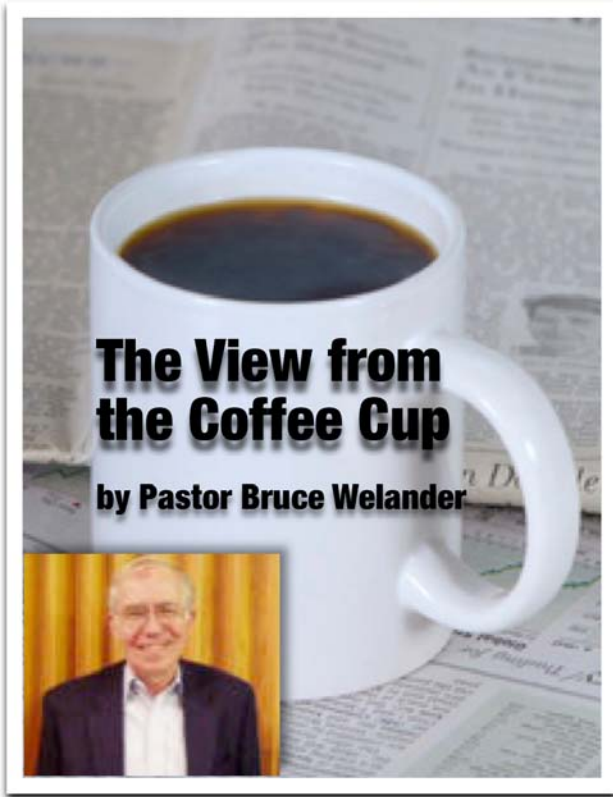
Christian Education Theme: A Journey through Holy Week

Scripture: Mark 14-16, John 20

Memory Verse: "Jesus is not here. He has risen from the dead!" Luke 24:6

Christian Education Dates to Remember

March 5	6-7:30 pm	POTs -- Beginning <i>Living a Life that Matters</i>
March 6	11-1 pm	Boulder County Children's Ministry Network
March 19	12:15 pm	Confirmation Planning Meeting
March 19	6:00 pm	Great Dates Bible Study
March 27	7:00 pm	Weavers of the Cloth
April 5	NO CONFIRMATION	(Spring Break)
April 9	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	(Spring Break)



My thoughts today are focused on the season of Lent, the deepest season of the church year. This year at Faith Community we are getting right to the heart of Lent right away, as on Ash Wednesday, March 1, we bring to the center of our attention the words that Jesus spoke on the Cross. Traditionally they have been called "the Seven Last Words" (phrases or sentences) of Jesus. However, because ultimately Lent is to prepare us for Easter and the wonderful news that Jesus lives, I prefer to call them "Seven Lasting Words."

To refresh your memory, the Bible records seven times when Jesus spoke as he hung on the Cross. The generally accepted order of these words is as follows:

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:33)

"Today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)

"Here is your son... here is your mother." (John 19:26-27)

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matt 27:46; Mark 15:34)

"I am thirsty." (John 19:28)

"It is finished." (John 19:30)

"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." (Luke 23:46).

Every one of these phrases can have immense meaning for us, with so many implications that even an entire Lenten season can't really do them justice. But we'll try...and we'll do this in several ways.

First, we have crystallized each of these "words" (statements) in one English word. The seven single words we have chosen, corresponding to the seven statements above, respectively, are: forgiveness, grace, love, pain, thirst, completion, and trust.

To help us remember these, each worshiper on Ash Wednesday will be given a small wooden cross, made for us by Marv Heimbichner of Faith Community. Then, each Wednesday, a sticker with one of the above seven single words will be distributed. You can place the sticker on the base of your cross, so that eventually all seven words will be permanently displayed.

Also, a devotional guide for the forty six days of Lent, written by members of Faith Community, will continually bring these words and their meanings into our daily awareness.

At each Wednesday evening service (7 p.m.) one of these words will be introduced by a drama, followed by some sermonic comments, often including references to the daily devotions.

At each regular Saturday and Sunday worship service, sermons will focus on these words and their meanings for our daily lives.

Also, at our Wednesday suppers, there will be opportunities for inter-generational conversation on these topics.

Through these lasting words, may God lead us always closer to Jesus Christ, the Living Word and our Crucified and Risen Lord!

In His Love,
Pastor Bruce Welander



Worship Team Corner!



Our son Michael turned 10 in February. One of the gifts that he received was a cross that he had been eyeing up at “The Lord’s Walk.” Let me just say that it is not a dainty thing! I asked him casually one day not too long ago, “Michael, why do you wear that cross?” He told me, “Well, Mom, because I am a Christian, and because I think it’s cool to share that with others if they ask.” I lifted my eyebrow and said, “Hmm, and you’re not saying this because it is what you think I want to hear?” “nope...it’s the truth, Mom.” His tone was casual, as if I had asked him if he remembered to brush his teeth! That conversation ended there. But ever since we made the trek from the North (Minnesota) to Colorado, our family’s “God Talks” have become much more frequent. We talk about God’s constant presence in our lives. I’m afraid that even our 6-year-old Lukas has questions that can boggle the greatest theologians. A lot of the time my response is “Um, I dunno, Buddy, that’s a good question!”

Lent is a time for introspection, a time to make deliberate steps in strengthening our relationship to Christ. Some folks give up things like chocolate or coffee. Others add an extra hour in their day for devotion, prayer and Bible Study. I have to say that I love the season of Lent. David and I have spent several of those years working in the housing projects of Cabrini Green in Chicago, IL, with high school youth groups. Talk about seeing Christ in your midst! Those Lenten years added another layer of introspection that lives on inside of us today.

I find Lenten music to be soulful and sometimes even raw...the haunting tunes beckon us to come as we are with all our imperfections to the foot of the cross. “Return to God, with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy, come seek the tender faithfulness of God.”

Our journey to the cross is not an easy one. There are often more questions than answers, but Jesus stands at the foot of the cross with arms wide open, and, in that grace, we can rest our weary souls.

Won’t you join us beginning Ash Wednesday, March 1st at 7pm for this Lenten journey as we look more closely at the seven last words of Christ? Through word, sacrament, music and drama vignettes, there will be plenty of “food for thought.”

Lenten Blessings,
Diane Sell
Worship Team Director

Outreach Events

Saturday, March 18 at 10am-2pm: FCLC Serving lunch at the O.U.R. Center

Wednesday, March 22: Habitat for Humanity "Ground Breaking" Event

Outreach News

Mark your calendars. The FCLC Outreach Fair is set for April 29-30. Please plan to attend this in order to get more information about FCLC ministries.

FCLC Outreach will continue to provide hurricane relief support to Grace Lutheran Church in New Orleans. The Lenten offering will also be designated to support them and their needs. Pat Sharp will be FCLC liaison to this church

O.U.R. Center

FCLC Outreach needs your help on Saturday, March 18 from 10am-2pm. The O.U.R. Center has contacted us as being "On Call" to help serve lunch at the "last minute." If you can help with this, please contact Tami Musfeldt (tami.m@comcast.net or 303.494.4036). Your support is much appreciated!

Donations for the O.U.R. Center are being collected in the grocery cart in the

Narthex. This month's focus is pasta and rice products. Thank you for your continuous support!

Habitat for Humanity

FCLC is partnering with Habitat for Humanity and needs your help.

The "Ground Breaking" date is set for Wednesday, March 22 and the "framing" date is set for Wednesday, May 17. If you're interested in helping with this project and/or providing lunch, please contact Jeanette Wittmer at nohelp@comcast.net.

Also, if you'd like to help with other building projects, please contact Habitat for Humanity directly at 303.682.2485. The volunteers work on Wednesdays and Saturdays and are especially in need of licensed contractors / electricians / plumbers.



Faith Community Bread Project

Do you like to bake or to meet new people? How about volunteering as a baker, a substitute baker, a distributor or a substitute distributor at Faith Community?

The purpose of this project is to welcome visitors to our church and to our worship service. What would volunteering for this project entail?

1. Bakers are assigned one Sunday per month and they bake 4 loaves of either a yeast bread or a quick bread (or you may purchase bread from your local bakery or grocery) for distribution. The bread is then brought to the church before start of the early service on your assigned Sunday or you may drop it off on the Saturday evening before (just let the office know). Keep in mind that full reimbursement is offered by Faith Community for all expenses incurred under this project.

- OR -

2. Substitute bakers are just that. They are "on call" just in case a baker cannot bake bread on a given Sunday for any reason.

- OR -

3. A distributor is guided by Pastor Dan who helps them greet visitors with an offering of a loaf of bread.

- OR -

4. Substitute distributors are also "on call."

Currently, we are in need of a baker one Sunday a month.

If you are interested in participating in this project, you may call Maria O'Brien @ Home: 303-651-7908 or Cell: 720-289-0758, or Marcie Mason at 303-772-1730. Or you may call Maria with any questions you may have. Thank you and God's blessings to you.

Sky Ranch Camp



- * Soccer registration - \$100.00
- * New uniform - \$105.55
- * Gas to travel to games - \$78.46
- * Coaches gifts and team snacks - \$42.77
- * 5 days of summer soccer day camp - \$210.00
- * **A personal relationship with Jesus – PRICELESS**

We somehow swallow hard and write those checks for our kids' sports programs. But when it comes time to consider a Christian camp, we often first look at cost and go no further.

Before you dismiss the idea of sending your child to Sky Ranch because of the price tag, I invite you to take a moment to read what some of the kids from our church have to say about their experiences at Lutheran camps. This is a fabulous opportunity for our children to grow in their faith, to foster lasting friendships, and to have fun!

Ryggell Hubert, 6th grade, attended camp last year: "The best part about going to Sky Ranch was the activities during the day, like low ropes, where you worked as a team to accomplish tasks. I also liked praising God with songs and prayers at the campfires. The counselors were great and helped everyone have a great time."

Tony Schaff, 7th grade, attended camp last year: "I think that Sky Ranch is cool because of the fellowship. We do so many activities up there as a group, and we also get to spend free time with our friends. It is also really easy to make new friends up there. Two of the people I met at Sky Ranch are now my 2 best friends at church."

Mallory Mueller, senior, attended camp in her middle school years: "Going to Sky Ranch was a wonderful experience that helped me grow in my faith. I was able to have a wonderful time with my friends while being surrounded by God's amazing presence. The beauty of the camp and mountains alone revealed God's amazing power and majesty. I remember one night while we were singing worship songs I looked up at the sky and the stars took my breath away. I knew that God had created everything around me and that the Lord who had created such a beautiful setting also created me. It was such an amazing feeling and I knew that I wanted to have a personal relationship with God. Up until I went to Sky Ranch I knew about God and Jesus and believed, but I didn't know what it felt like to truly have God in my heart. Sky Ranch gave me the opportunity to experience the Lord's presence in my life and ever since then I have had a better understanding of what it really means to be a child of God. Along with growing spiritually that week, I also had a lot of fun. I was able to go hiking, play soccer, and hang out with some of my very best friends. It was an awesome week in my life that I will never forget."

Dianna Buckett, senior, attended camp both in middle school and high school. "If we knew all the answers, it would be knowledge. That's why it's called faith." By the summer I was 16, I had been to 6 funerals, 5 of which were for my friends and classmates. By this time, I had begun to really question my faith and have doubts in God. Every day I would find myself asking "why" and "how." I felt myself slowly losing the unconditional faith I had grown accustomed to through childhood. It was at that point that I found myself returning to Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp. The Sangre de Cristo Mountains gathered me up, and God surrounded me with dozens of faith-filled people waiting to share their faith and restore mine. On the first night, the whole camp was gathered around the fire circle for worship, and the camp's director delivered a reflection of his faith. Under the starry sky, I could feel the love and embrace of the people around me. I could feel God working through them. Through the director's words, I was reminded that I am not supposed to have all the answers to my "whys" and "hows". God has a plan for me, and I have to keep my faith, and trust that the answers will come. At camp, I found people who were willing to accept me for who I was. They did not judge my past or label me for the future. They simply opened up their arms, and encouraged me to share my faith with them as they shared theirs with me. The friendships I made at camp over the past ten years have remained constant supporters in my faith journey."

These are our kids who had their hearts and lives changed by their camp experiences. Our faith development is a journey. How awesome it is that these kids are able to journey down that road to a relationship with Jesus at such a young age. Many of us don't find that relationship until we are older, perhaps after experiencing a trying time in life. But these kids are building a firm foundation in Christ now, with the help of an awe inspiring week at camp.

Kids who have completed grades 4 – 6 can participate in the Homesteaders program where they have a week of pioneer arts, stories, campfires, games, low ropes course, hikes, panning for gold, and evening star gazing. The Mountaineers program, for kids who've completed grades 6 – 8 have bible study, hiking, high ropes challenge course activities, group games, arts and crafts, nature study and more.

We are planning on taking a group of kids to Sky Ranch during the week of June 25th – 30th. Pastor Dan will be staying at camp for the week. To sign up, do one of the following:

1. Add your name to the poster in the Narthex
2. Call Sally Meier at 303-938-8680
3. Email Sally at sallyjmeier@yahoo.com

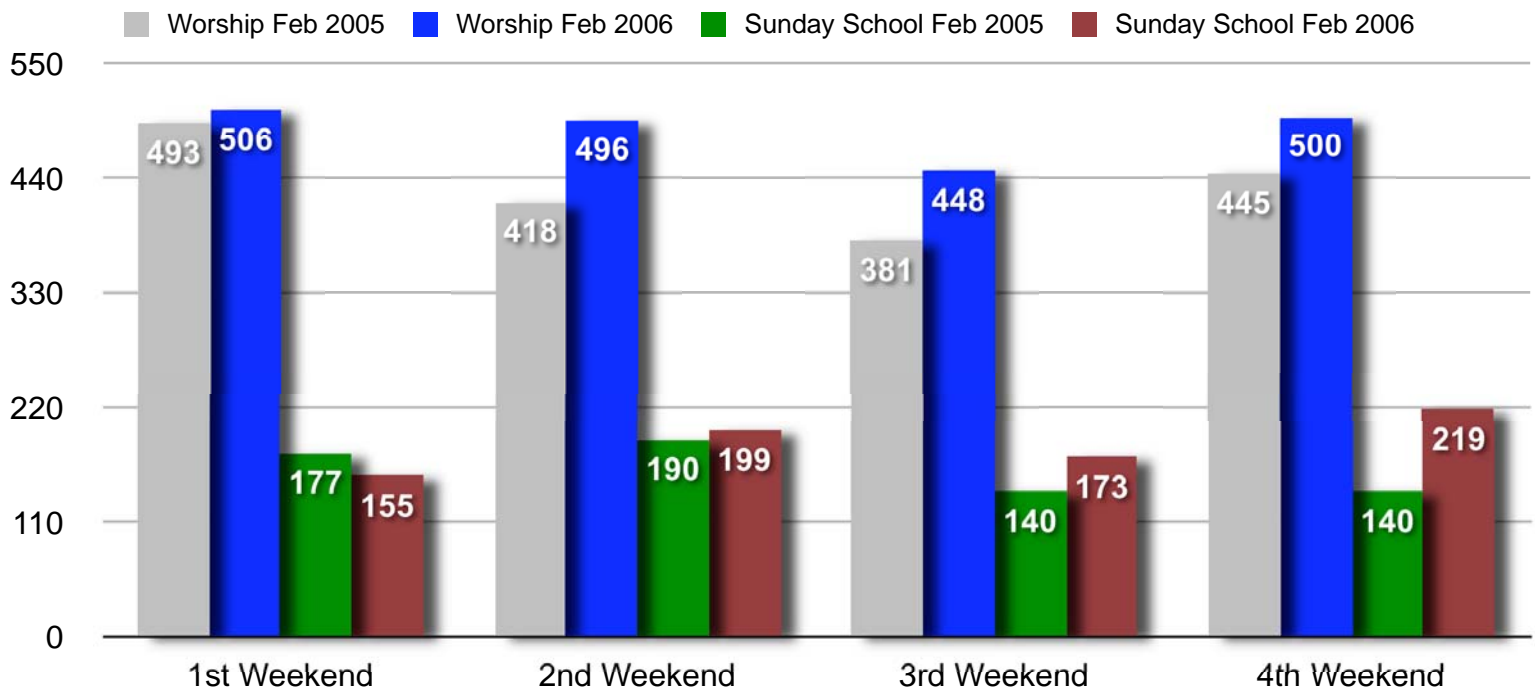
Kids will be able to participate in fund-raising activities to help defray the cost of camp. Also, there is some financial assistance for those in need.

As parents, we try to do all we can to help our children develop mentally, physically, and spiritually. Can we really afford NOT to seize this opportunity for Christian growth in our kids?

Sky Ranch – Check it out! <http://www.ldoubler.org/>

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March 4
 March 7
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 March 20

March 23
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 Kevin & Michelle Hansen
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 Jay & Merrie Harper
 Bill & Leslie Raymond



Mission Verse:

God's Spirit is on me:
He chose me to preach the
Message of Good News to the
poor, Sent me to announce
pardon of prisoners and
recovery of sight to the blind,
To set the burdened and
battered free, to announce,
"This is God's year to act!"
Luke 4:18-19

Our Vision:

In each of us burns a flame
so we gather in faith and
hope to reach out in love.



Our Core Values:

To "Reach Out in Love"
as a church that is:

- * Bible Centered
- * Prayer Centered
- * "Blended" Inspirational
Worship
- * Kid Friendly
- * Visitor Friendly
- * Model of the Priesthood of
Believers
- * Model of First Fruits Giving
(to various outreach projects)

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